



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MASON )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
INTERACTING WITH A SOURCE )  
CODE CONTROL SYSTEM )  
Serial No.: 09/115,273 )  
Filing Date: July 14, 1998 )  
Examiner: Nguyen, Cao H. #20  
Group Art Unit: 2173  
Docket No.: 28280.04072

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2002. Claims 17-24, 41-48, 65-72 and 81-87 are presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time in which to file this response, and authorize the Examiner to charge the \$920.00 extension fee, as well as any other payment necessary to maintain the application in good standing, to Deposit Account 03-0172.

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Nguyen for his helpful assistance during the telephone interview conducted on December 12, 2002. While no agreement was reached during the interview, Examiner Nguyen indicated that he would reconsider Applicant's position upon receipt of this Response.

Independent Claims

Independent claims 17, 20, 21, 41, 44, 45, 65, 68, 69, 81, 82, 84, 86 and 87 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,389,464 issued to Krishnamurthy et al. ("the '464 Patent"). Each of these claims recite a display device configured to display "a representation of said objects in a presentation having a tree display of objects in said configuration management system." (emphasis provided) Although the Examiner cites the '464